

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A storing and/or transferring method of a polyalkylene glycol monomer

which comprises storing and/or transferring a polyalkylene glycol monomer in the form of an aqueous solution,

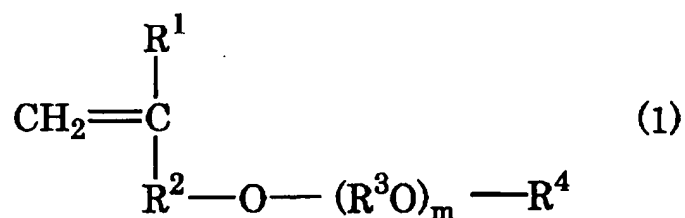
wherein POV of the polyalkylene glycol monomer is at a level not higher than 2.

2. (original) The storing and/or transferring method of a polyalkylene glycol monomer according to Claim 1,

wherein a concentration of water in said aqueous solution is not more than 90% by weight, with an amount of the aqueous solution being taken as 100% by weight.

3. (original) The storing and/or transferring method of a polyalkylene glycol monomer according to Claim 1,

wherein said polyalkylene glycol monomer comprises a monomer represented by the following general formula (1):



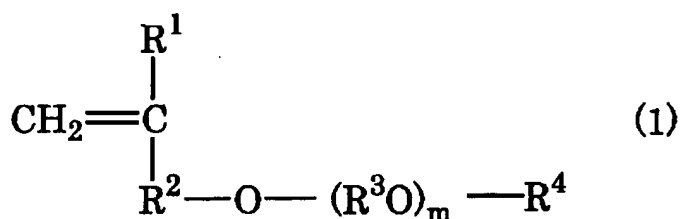
in the formula, R^1 and R^4 are the same or different and each represents a hydrogen atom or a hydrocarbon group containing 1 to 30 carbon atoms; R^2 represents $-\text{CO}-$, $-\text{CH}_2-$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_2-$ or $-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2-$; $R^3\text{O}$ are the same or different and each represents an oxyalkylene group containing 2 to 18 carbon atoms; and m represents the average number of moles of the oxyalkylene group represented by $R^3\text{O}$ as added and is a number of 15 to 300.

4. (currently amended) The storing and/or transferring a polyalkylene glycol monomer according to Claim 1,

wherein said polyalkylene glycol monomer is used as a raw material for a production of cement additives.

5. (original) The storing and/or transferring method of a polyalkylene glycol monomer according to Claim 2,

wherein said polyalkylene glycol monomer comprises a monomer represented by the following general formula (1):



in the formula, R^1 and R^4 are the same or different and each represents a hydrogen atom or a hydrocarbon group containing 1 to 30 carbon atoms; R^2 represents $-\text{CO}-$, $-\text{CH}_2-$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_2-$ or $-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2-$; $R^3\text{O}$ are the same or different and each represents an oxyalkylene group containing 2 to 18 carbon atoms; and m represents the average number of moles of the oxyalkylene group represented by $R^3\text{O}$ as added and is a number of 15 to 300.

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6. (currently amended) The storing and/or transferring a polyalkylene glycol monomer according to Claim 2,

wherein said polyalkylene glycol monomer is used as a raw material for a production of cement additives.

7. (currently amended) The storing and/or transferring a polyalkylene glycol monomer according to Claim 3,

wherein said polyalkylene glycol monomer is used as a raw material for a production of cement additives.

8. (new) The storing and/or transferring method of a polyalkylene glycol monomer according to Claim 1,

wherein the temperature of the polyalkylene glycol monomer in the form of an aqueous solution is not lower than the pour point of said aqueous solution.